

## POPULIST-DEMOCRATIC DEAL

**It Will End the Present Republican  
Filibustering in the House.**

EXCHANGE OF SUPPORT FIELD

**Hatch Anti-Option Bill and Perhaps Three Contested Seats for Helping the Democratic Leaders to Make a Quorum.**

sources yesterday that the present filibustering in the House over the disputed election cases is to have a dramatic close. There is a stratagem behind it, which, if it succeeds as certain leaders intend it shall, will secure the immediate consideration and passage of the Hatch anti-option bill. This has long been desired by the Populists, and will, with the tariff bill and the Bland seigniorage bill,

complete the work which they came to Washington to accomplish. To see what the Populist method of procedure has been it is worth while to review the work of this session. Twice it has been necessary, owing to absence, for the Democrats to avail themselves of the dozen Populist votes to make a quorum. It was necessary during the final days of the tariff bill and also for the passage of the McCreary Hawaiian resolution to utilize

ize their votes, because the Populists were always on hand. In each case the Populists got something they wanted, their return for the last service being the pushing of the Bland bill, over which the Democrats were halting. This explains the methods to be pursued in forcing the present deal. The Democrats are in the same old dilemma.

For some reason their executive leaders have been unable to get a quorum to get rid

of the election cases, the Republicans blocking the way. The Populists have not asked, when there was any danger, that their so-doing would make that quorum. They propose again to force the Democratic leaders to terms, and they want in return two things: First, the favorable consideration of the claims of their contesting candidates in three cases, that of Watson-Black in Georgia; Moore-Funston in Kansas, and Goode-Esper in Virginia; and second, the immediate consideration and approval by the Democratic majority

of the Hatch anti-option bill. This measure, as is well-known has long been championed by the Farmers' Alliance element and is, perhaps, the one measure dearest to their hearts. If it passed by this session of Congress in its present amended form it will gain more support in the Senate than ever before, and it will strengthen the Populist party in the West and South, besides giving their handful of men in Washington the credit of having made

At present indications the deal will go through for the Republican filibustering has been most annoying to the Democrats, and their leaders are thoroughly disgusted with the attempt to drag on enough of their party

into line to make the necessary quorum.

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**TERRIBLE DYNAMITE EXPLOSION**

**Four Persons Killed and Many Injured at  
Black's Run, Pa.**

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 23.—The dynamite works of the Aeme Powder Company at Black's Run, a mile and a half above Hulton, on the Allegheny Valley railroad, were de-

stroyed by an explosion at 7 o'clock. Four persons were killed and one badly injured. The works were blown to pieces and buildings in the vicinity of the works wrecked, windows broken, and the people within a mile of the works terrorized.

Of those killed two were men and two women. The names of the dead are:

MOLLIE RAMLEY.  
SADIE RAMLEY.  
WILLIAM ARTHUR.  
SAMUEL RAMLEY.  
Mrs. William Arthur was badly injured.  
The four killed were at work in the packing  
house. Mrs. Arthur was in a dwelling house  
near the works. The house was literally  
blown to pieces.

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Bell Murder Case Verdict.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 23.—The Bell murder trial, which has been in progress here for the past two days, ended to-night with a verdict of murder in the first degree. The case went to the jury at 6 o'clock, and three hours later the verdict was reached. Counsel for the defense promptly moved for a new trial. The crime of which James Bell

was convicted was the murder of his white mistress, Ellen Miller, at Steelton, on April 10, 1893. He fled to Baltimore on the following day, and was captured six months after and brought here for trial. The defense tried to prove that the woman died of alcoholism.

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**Last Night's House Session.**  
At the night session bills to pension Wash-

A bill to repeal the special act passed by the last Congress granting a pension to Louisa M. Sippell was also passed. It appeared from the report that she had never been married to the soldier. At 10.30 the House adjourned.

**Oil Fields Industry in Wyoming.**  
CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 23.—The development of the oil fields of Central Wyoming has been greatly impeded because of the inability to secure reasonable freight rates for transporting the oil to the markets. This difficulty

is about to be overcome. A company composed mostly of St. Louis capitalists will lay a pipeline to run oil from the Salt Creek wells through Orin Junction to Fort Laramie. From this point it is proposed to ship the oil in barges down the Platte and Missouri rivers to St. Louis, where it will be refined and put on the market. It is believed the Pennsylvania Oil Company is behind the project.

**Brooklyn Ringsters in Limbo.**  
NEW YORK, March 23.—The colony of convicted and indicted Gravesend officials in Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, is steadily increasing. Last night the sheriff had ex-Justice Newton, sentenced to nine months in the Kings county penitentiary and to pay a fine of

8500; Constable Jamieson, convicted of perjury, for which he can serve ten years in State's prison, and five indicted election inspectors whose bondsmen have surrendered them, in his charge.

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**G. A. R. National Encampment.**

**PITTSBURG, Pa., March 23.**—The citizen's indignation against the four convicted felons

legislation committee of the twenty-eight  
encampment, G. A. R., which meets here  
next September, has issued a circular inform-  
ing G. A. R. members that hotel rates with a  
three days' limit can be secured from \$1.50 to  
85 per day; lodgings from 50 cents to 81 per  
night, and railroad fares from one fare for  
the round trip to 1 cent a mile.

**Miners to Resume Work.**  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 23.—A dispatch received here to-day from Potton, Pa., says: All mines at this place will resume operations next Monday, after a shut-down of over eight weeks. The miners held a meeting last night in the Opera house and decided to accept the proposition made to them by the operators.

which was to work for semi-monthly pay and a reduction of five cents a ton.